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To: Victor Ketellapper Project Manager VB-I70

From: CEASE

Re: Funding for Community Health Education and Outreach Plan, VB-I70 Project

First, we would like to thank the Community Health Promoters and the staff of the Community Health Program for all their work in educating and reducing exposure of our residents to lead and arsenic. We eagerly await the evaluation of impact for this first year of outreach and door-to-door visits. As residents we do note greater awareness of the dangers of exposure to lead and the beginnings of neighbor to neighbor information sharing.

As expected, the plan required time to get up and running as the administrative piece came into place with the City. Now that the infrastructure is in place, the focus can be on improving methods so that we do reach all residents though the home visits as well as raise awareness among realtors and contractors. The plan set, among others, the following outcome to be achieved, "We will have identified what behaviors are causing exposure and will have worked to change behaviors to reduce exposure." The plan also foresaw that in order to achieve this goal multiple visits would be necessary as well as continued refinement of message as information was gained from the first round of home visits. The plan as designed has a 3 year time frame allowing for evaluation and multiple visits to change behavior.

To this end we request that the EPA continue funding the Community Health Plan for 3 years as designed.

Again, recognizing the tremendous effort by many members of the EPA staff, the Denver Environmental Health staff and local residents in creating the Community Health Plan and infrastructure, we feel strongly that the desired outcomes will be truly compromised with an early cut off of funding from the EPA.

Thanks for considering this request,

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